

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

September 22, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown and Espinoza.

Absent: Representatives Garfield and Gillard.

The Chair laid HB 4694 before the committee.

HB 4694 Drolet State; employees and officers; state or local governmental worker to carry concealed weapon while conducting inspections; allow.

Representative Drolet testified in **support of HB 4694**. **Representative Drolet** introduced **Ms. Nancy O'Brien**, Asset Manager, Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Ms. O'Brien testified in **support of HB 4694**. Ms. O'Brien also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Wayne Groth, representing the Great Lakes Shooting Sports Association, testified in **support of HB 4694**. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Groth also submitted written testimony.*

Timothy Johnson, representing the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, testified in **support of HB 4694**.

David Newman, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, testified in **opposition to HB 4694**.

Lieutenant Greg Zarotney, representing the Michigan State Police, testified in **opposition to HB 4694**. Questions and discussion followed.

Frank Cusmano, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition to HB 4694**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **opposition to HB 4694**. Questions and discussion followed.

James Simmons, representing the Shooter Alliance for Firearms Rights, testified on **HB 4694**. Mr. Simmons also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Tim O'Brien, representing the Small Government Alliance, testified in **support of HB 4694**. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Sheltroun moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Garfield and Gillard.

Representative Stakoe moved, supported by **Representative Rocca**, to approve the minutes of the **September 15, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:55 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
September 22, 2005
1 hour, 25 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.